

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 3, 4, 9 and 10. The sheets, which includes Figs. 3 and 4 replaces Fig. 3 and 4. Figs 9(a)-(d) are replaced by sheets including Figs. 9(a)-9(o), Fig. 10(a)-10(b) are replaced by Figs. 10(a)-10(j), Fig. 17 is new. The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the replacement of the figures.

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action mailed December 12, 2008 the Office noted that claims 1-8, 10-21, 23, 25-29 and 32-35 were pending, rejected claims 25, 26 and 32-35 and allowed claims 1-8, 10-21, 23, and 27-29. Claim 26 has been amended, claims 25, 26 and 32-35 have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-8, 10-21, 23, 27-29 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections and objections are traversed below.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to. In particular the Office asserts that drawings do not show every feature of the invention as specified in the claims.

In particular the Office asserts that the "spherical roller bearing", "the supporting members are provided with respective sleeve", "bearing plates on the underside of the slab", and "jack screw" are not shown.

The Applicant submits a new Fig. 17 based on a blow up of drive assembly 8 as in Fig. 9. The Applicants submit that new matter is believed to have been added by the addition of Fig. 17. Corresponding amendment has been made to ¶ 0108 of the Specification based on ¶ 0014 of the Specification.

Further, the Office indicates that several reference marks are duplicated in the Specification. The Applicant has

amended the figures and the Specification to remove duplicate marks.

Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 34 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office asserts the claims contain antecedent basis issues.

Claims 34 and 25 have been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 1-8, 10-21, 23 and 27-29 are allowed. The Applicant thanks the Office for the consideration given the claims. The Applicant herein cancels all claims not allowed and submits that it is believed that all claims are now allowable.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Neighbours, U.S. Patent No. 5,644,893.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 25 and 26.

Claims 32-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Neighbours, U.S. Patent No. 5,644,893 in view of Deng, U.S. Patent No. 6,082,058.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 32-35.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-8, 10-21, 23 and 27-29 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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